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Program suggestions are always welcome. If you have something you would like to present, or give a demonstration on something you have built, just let us know about it. Do you have a suggestion for a field trip or a request for a particular subject you would like to have a program on? Let us know. Call Alvey 291 9252.

1971 ELECTION

The December election went pretty smooth, with the Secretary doing all the work. The Nominating committees slate was the only one submitted and the Sec. was instructed to cast one vote as a unanimous election of the candidate. The following members have been elected for 1971

President	Craig Hiendel	W9ISU
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The out going officers were given a big hand of applause for the club activities during the past year and for the growth in club membership. Now it's up to the new officers to do even better for 1971. Along with that comes your responsibility to get in there and pitch and help and push and work and suggest and -- get with it. Judging from the line up we predict an active year. Wanna help?

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COVER STORY

BEN GAITHER WA9YCA

This beautiful setup belongs to a relatively new member and fellow ham, Ben Gaither, WA9YCA. Bens interest in amateur radio began back in his Grade school days when he built a receiver in 1932. He mumbled something about a Ford spark coil and a spark gap made out of two carbons from dry cells but disregarded that part. During a visit to W9JJC the bug bit again and he decided he would have to get in on the action. Then came the Novice stint with a DX60 and a HR10 for 48 states. That was beginning in Feb. 1968. He took the General and passed in June 1969 and now he is ready for a try at Advanced. The General brought about another flurry in the order department at Heath and he blossomed out with

the SB301 and SB401. A 40' tilt over tower went up last November and now he's waiting on a Cubex Quad. In the background on the shelves you can see plenty of test gear, VTOM VOM RF Gen. Grid Dip Meter. R/C Testors SWR Bridge and all built by WA9YCA.

Ben made his 1000th QSO on Jan. 1st 1971. He has been a member of ARRL since he received his Nov-ticket. You might think that would keep him pretty well occupied but he finds time to be active in the National Rifle Association. He served as President of the Central Indiana Rifle League for five years and was Secretary for the Hi-Grade Rifle Club for fifteen years. He's quite a gunsmith and has about 16 guns he has built or reworked. You will see all kinds of reloading equipment in his first class workshop.

The n there is 35mm photography, where he makes a specialty of developing color slides. (There must be thousands of them all cataloged and in neat file boxes.

In between times he has also been active in the Indiana Astronomical Society and served as Pres. in 1967. Ben has ground six mirrors for astronomical telescopes 4" three 6" and two 8". Incidentally Marsh Lincoln W7DQS now has one of the 8" jobs and he and Ben hold regular skeds on 40 or 80.

So it is easy to see that WA9YCA is a real Hams Ham. Keep going Ben!

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Please excuse this "mini" edition of Ama-chewer but it seems like every body got caught up in the Xmas and New Year rush and there wasn't much to fill in. We'll make up for it next month. Don't be surprised if next months cover looks familiar. Also, if you are in business and would like to have your ad in our paper call Alvey 291 9252.

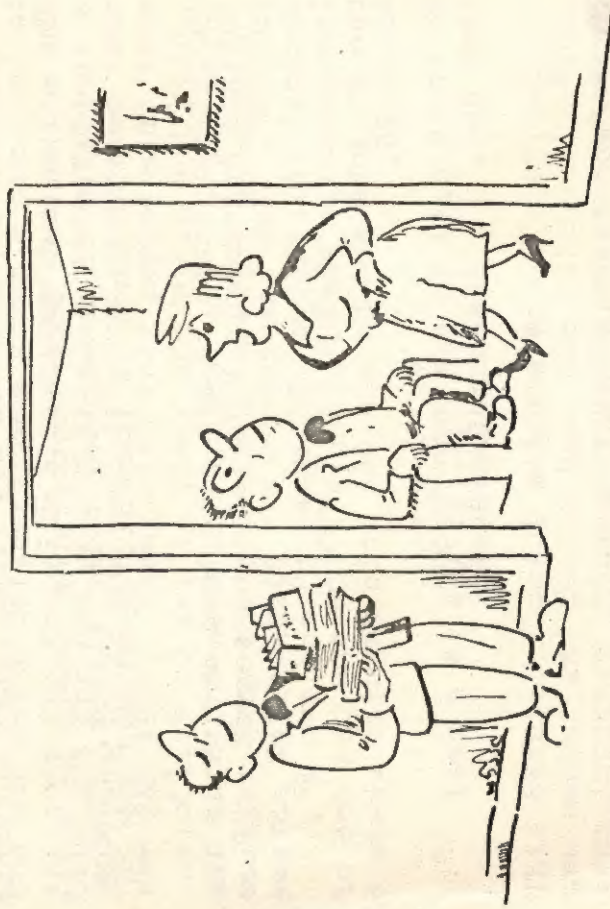
We will have a brush up course several weeks before the next exams take place in Feb. See Ron. Craig will appreciate hearing from anyone who might have connections for program material. Let him know if you do.

FLASH! We heard Jerry W9BS on 6M FM!

We hear that W9EL has ordered one of the new Heath SWR/Wattmeters and a Cantenna. Xmas \$??

Ron Cooper WN9DKL has dropped the N and now is a General. Congratulations Ron, - hope you show up on SSB soon.

Bob Osterhaus has converted a 2M Motorola (FM) and has the Xtals and is about ready to go. Also he received his ADVANCED ticket for a New Years Eve present! Congrats to you too Bob.
NEXT MEETING JAN., 8, 1971 - INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS. PROGRAM FOR JAN., 22 TO BE ANNOUNCED.



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to show you his QSL collection.

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